

Report of the program activities (during the program)

Date of reporting	year 2019 month 11 day 05
Host University	Northeastern University
Department you belonging to at the host university	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I belong to a specific department(Please fill out the following information) ※ Name of the department : D'Amore-McKim School of Business <input type="checkbox"/> I do not belong to any specific department and taking the classes of various majors. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Duration of the exchange program	year 2019 month 08 to year 2020 month 04
Department you belong to at Meiji University	School of Business Administration Major(field of study) _____ / Graduate school of _____ Major _____
Year (before departure)	Undergraduate: year 3rd / Graduate <input type="checkbox"/> Masters <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate year

I. How did you find the information to prepare for your departure? Please report and give some advises for future exchange students going abroad on what they need to know and be informed.

I asked some friends who used to study abroad last year about their experience and application requirements. Furthermore, I made an appointment with the exchange program advisor of Study Abroad Office and searched more information about the living and academic conditions on the internet.

II -1. Preparing before going exchange program (About VISA)

Type: J1	Where to apply: U.S. Embassy - Tokyo
How long did it take to get a VISA: 2 weeks (How long did it take from the application to the acquisition of your VISA?)	Cost: \$160 + \$220

What kinds of documents were required to submit to apply for VISA? How did you prepare those documents?

DS-2019 and SEVIS

Please report on the details of applying process.

Online application; Interview in U.S. Embassy

If you took any interview at the Embassy, please report on the details of the questions you were asked.

Which university? How long does the program last?

Who will pay your living expenses?

Were there any difficulties or notices to take the VISA?

It took at least one hour to wait for the interview.

II -2. Preparation before departing for exchange program (Other topics)

Please report on any other necessary preparation before your departure. (E.g. Preparation of money, purchasing a cellphone, shipments of your commodities, and etc.)

Credit card
Cash
Temporary one-month SIM card
Belongings

Ⅲ. After Arrival

1. Arrival Information

Airline	American Airlines				
How to purchase air ticket	Trip.com ※利用した旅行社・旅行サイト、格安航空券情報等があれば記入して下さい。				
Arrival airport	Boston Logan International Airport	Arrival time	15:00		
How to get to the campus	<input type="checkbox"/> Pick-up of host university	<input type="checkbox"/> Pick-up of your friend	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public transportation (<input type="checkbox"/> Bus <input type="checkbox"/> Train)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> taxi	<input type="checkbox"/> other
How long did it take from the airport to the campus?	within 30 minutes				

Are there any important points to get to the campus? Please inform on the cost of taxi or any transportations.

Uber (\$30-\$40)

Arrival date month 2019 date 08/27 time 15:00

2. Housing

Did you check-in soon after arriving?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If your answer is "No": The date you checked-in was... month day
Type of housing	<input type="checkbox"/> Dormitory <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Apartment <input type="checkbox"/> Other()	
Type of the room	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alone <input type="checkbox"/> two persons <input type="checkbox"/> Other()	
Room mates	<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese Student <input type="checkbox"/> International Student <input type="checkbox"/> Other()	
How to find the accommodation	<input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation from host university <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> by yourself <input type="checkbox"/> Other()	
Details of the application	Contact with the landlord via email	

Have you decided your accommodation before departure or after arriving easily? Were there any troubles to find it?

None

3. Orientation

Was there any orientation?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Date	2019/08/30
Was it mandatory to attend?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Did it cost any?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No. It's free of charge. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Cost:)
Contents (details)	The introduction of living and academic conditions
Was there any special guidance arranged for exchange students?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Date of beginning of the class	month 09 day 04

IV. Other process to be completed after arriving

1. Was it necessary to get any permission of staying after arriving? If yes, where, report on when, and how to apply for a permission? How long and how much did it take? Was there any trouble?

None

2. Were there any other procedures you completed after arriving? (E.g. medical checkup, inoculation and etc.) If yes, report on where, when, and how did you complete them? How long and how much did it take? Was there any trouble?

None

3. Did you open any bank account abroad? How did you open it and what kinds of documents were required to apply? How long and how much did it take? Was there any trouble?

I opened a bank account in Bank of America. It took one week to get the card without any trouble.

4. Did you purchase any cellphone? How did you open it and what kinds of documents were required to purchase it? How long and how much did it take? Was there any trouble?

No, I didn't



V. Course registration and classes

1. When and how did you register your courses?

Before departure (approximate date: month 06 day 15)

Online Filling out an application form Not allowed to register other()

After arriving (approximate date: around month day)

Online With support by International office at the host university

Not allowed to register other()

Was there any priority as an exchange student?

Yes

No

If your answer is Yes, please report on the details.

If your answer is No, how did you register your classes?

If you had registered the courses before departure, could you change or add any classes after arriving? Could you register all the classes which you wished to attend?



VI. Weekly Schedule (Please enter your daily life such as class, activities, and self studies.)							
	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
7:00	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast		
8:00	Free time	Free time	Free time	Free time	Free time		
9:00	Netflix	Free time	Netflix	Free time	Netflix		
10:00	Free time	Free time	Free time	Free time	Free time		
11:00	Free time	Free time	Free time	Free time	Free time		
12:00	Class	Lunch	Class	Class	Class	Shopping	Shopping
13:00	Class	Free time	Class	Class	Class		
14:00	Lunch	Free time	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		Travelling
15:00	Class	Class	Class	Free time	Class		
16:00	Class	Class	Class	Free time	Class		
17:00	Gym	Cultural Club	Gym	Free time	Cultural Club	Gym	
18:00							
19:00	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner		
20:00	Class preparation	Class preparation	Class preparation	Class preparation	Free time		Class preparation
21:00							
22:00							
23:00	Sleep	Sleep	Sleep	Sleep	Sleep	Sleep	Sleep
24:00							

VII. Feedbacks from the beginning of the program to the present

Please give us any feedbacks on the host university, your program, classes, dormitory, and your life abroad.

Academics in Northeastern are tough but focused on actual applications. Students are expected to attend class at all times. They are very competitive and always actively involved in class discussion. The professors are extremely dedicated and will work with students to figure out the best path to address students' needs. There are also numerous extracurricular activities on campus and interesting events every week. It is a good chance to learn more about cultural diversity in the U.S.

Please give some advice to the students who are willing to study abroad at the same host university in the future.

Students should be active in class and spend time talking with professors after class. It is necessary to practice English speaking and academic writing skills before the semester starts. To any international students, it is very difficult to engage in the native academic environment, so "Practice makes perfect!"

Besides, in order not to make the exchange program boring and stressful, students should take part in some cultural clubs on campus and international off-campus events.